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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 312345

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SW, SF, UN

SUBJECT: SWEDISH ACTIVITY AT UN

1. EIF LEIFLAND, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, SWEDISH MFA, CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS DECEMBER 27 AS PART OF SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS IN DEPARTMENT. LEIFLAND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SWEDISH AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER.

2. LEIFLAND OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY REFERRING TO SWEDEN'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN STOPPING NEW ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND STATED THAT SWEDEN HAD DEVELOPED "NEW LANGUAGE" DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW LANGUAGE WAS "MORE CAUTIOUS" IN

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TONE THAN PREVIOUS SWEDISH EFFORTS AND CALLED FOR ACTION UNDER CHAPTER VI RATHER THAN CHAPTER VII OF THE UN CHARTER. LEIFLAND NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH SWEDEN WOULD NO LONGER BE A MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS OF JANUARY 1, 1977, SWEDEN INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW SC CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT WITH GREAT INTEREST. LEWIS STATED THAT HE WAS HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO

SEEK REMEDIES UNDER CHAPTER VI, SINCE THE USE OF CHAPTER VII PROVISIONS COULD RESULT IN THE CALL FOR SANCTIONS WHICH MIGHT PROVE TO BE UNENFORCEABLE.

3. LEWIS RAISED THE QUESTION OF UN FINANCING, STRESSING THE US DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE THE UN TO PRACTICE GOOD MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES AND DEVELOP ADEQUATE BUDGETARY CONTROLS. HE URGED THAT THE SWedes SUPPORT US IN OUR EFFORTS TO LIMIT UN BUDGET INCREASES. LEIFLAND COMMENTED ON THE NEED TO AVOID UN MANAGEMENT DECISIONS WHICH COULD RESULT IN ANTI-UN SENTIMENT AMONG THE PUBLIC AND UNDER- SCORED SWEDISH EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE UN MANAGEMENT.

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